

# Hot Calls

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## Multi-Agency Coordination Center

For the past several years Schuyler County has opened the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) for two days during NASCAR races. The purpose is to support command operations at the track in the event of a major incident. There were many groups in attendance, as you'll see from the list below. The operation is led by Schuyler County Emergency Management. They are there for 12 hours each day.



Agencies assisting the EOC:

- ◆ Schuyler County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Schuyler County Public Health
- ◆ Schuyler County Information Technology
- ◆ Schuyler Hospital
- ◆ NYS DOT
- ◆ NYS Police
- ◆ NYS Office of Emergency Management
- ◆ NYS Office of Fire Protection and Control
- ◆ NYS Office of Interoperable Emergency Communications
- ◆ NYS Department of Health
- ◆ Department of Homeland Security
- ◆ FBI
- ◆ 2nd Civil Support Team
- ◆ American Red Cross

### Calendar:

Tyrone Gun Raffle  
On-going thru September 15

Mecklenburg Sportsman's Raffle  
On-going thru October 21  
\$10/ticket

# What's New in Beaver Dams

The five firefighter cab will be a good addition to the company for transporting firefighter's as well as their heavy rescue equipment. This unit also has a 4,000-6,000 lb cascade system for on-scene pack filling and a 10kv generator for power and will be their primary mutual aid manpower truck for on-scene responses to manpower requests.



*A Heavy Rescue has been added to the Beaver Dams Fleet*



*Plenty of room to expand  
Two air powered foam units also added.*

# What's New in Beaver Dams



*Small enough for a pick up or ATV.*



*ATF or Class A Foam plus 10 gal water.*



*Single person operation.*

## Mecklenburg: Welding Unit Fire

**O**n July 10th Mecklenburg was called for a tractor fire inside a barn at Bergen Farms on Bergen Road. It turned out to be a welding unit that was in the barn. Workers had the unit outside when firefighters arrived. A second alarm as dispatched but soon canceled on a very hot day!

The same week Mecklenburg answered

five calls in a matter of two hours. Two of which were structure fires which were handled quickly by Mecklenburg

and their second alarm companies. A storm went through causing the

activity which had a lot of wires down and lines down.



## Odessa: Car Trailer Fire

**A** car carrier with vehicle inside caught fire early on morning. Odessa was just finishing up from an MVC and the call came in for the fire. Quick response helped keep the fire to the carrier which was parked next to a garage. The fire did start to extend to the garage but was knocked down quickly. Mutual aid from Burdett was automatic. This was located on County Road 7.



# Flash Flooding

**O**n August 14, 2018 in the very early morning hours and intense rain storm blanketed Schuyler County. 911 center was soon over run with 911 calls. Some were of road hazards; others were for life safety issues. All eight fire departments and ambulance corp. were busy answering calls of a variety of calls. It affected the whole county with the bulk of calls being in Hector and Montour Falls. Boats and heavy equipment were used to evacuate people from their homes. The County EOC was activated and soon declared a “State of Emergency” . This would allow the county to close roads and enact special laws if needed. Mutual aid was provided among the local departments that were not affected to the ones that were. As other counties were affected also, mutual aid was received from state agencies as well . Even



animals from the local animal shelter had to be evacuated. The storm had lasted till the late afternoon with light rain continuing to fall. Considerable damage to homes, cottages and roads occurred. The damage was enough to get the governor here to look at the damage. He also declared a “State of Emergency” for Schuyler and surrounding counties. There are many stories of rescues and very close calls from the quick moving water. At the end of the day a few minor

injuries were reported and no deaths occurred. At this writing there are many homeless persons but we can be thankful to all the first responders for a job well done.



Photos above and left were taken at Valois Point.

# NYS Fire Instructors



*Instructors Burns, Yessman, DeDominick prepare for the evening class at NYS Fire Training grounds.*



*Robbie DeDominick supervises the ladder raising skills part.*



*Jake Burns shows proper way to force entry on a door.*



*Andrew Yessman shows proper way to raise hose lines.*



*John Jelliff with the last Fire Officer 1 class.*

# State Fire Instructors

## What is a State Fire Instructor (SFI)

Requirements  
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## What is a State Fire Instructor (SFI)

**The Office of Fire Prevention & Control (OFPC)** employs approximately 300 instructors assigned in all counties across New York State except Nassau and Suffolk. The actual number varies by county depending on the number of training courses conducted annually.

The positions of State Fire Instructor (SFI) are part-time temporary employees of New York State, OFPC, and are assigned to a designated county (county of residence) depending on a vacancy in a county or a specific program need. SFIs are supervised by OFPC and are required to work closely with the County Fire Coordinator (CFC) in their assigned county. In addition to responsibilities as a New York State employee, instructors must follow the CFCs directions, state and local policies, class schedule, locations, times, etc.

## State Fire Instructors Requirements

### The minimum qualifications for appointment to this position are:

Five years of experience as a firefighter.

Have at least two years experience as an instructor of routine fire training skills at the company officer level.

Have completed the following courses in the State Fire Training Program (or equivalent training program)\*

Firefighter 1

Equivalents: Firefighting Essentials and Initial Fire Attack or Basic and Intermediate Firefighter or National Certification NFPA 1001, Firefighter I

Apparatus Operator Pump or Apparatus Operator Aerial Devices

Equivalents: Pump Operator course or Ladder Company Operations or National Certification in accordance with NFPA 1002

Introduction to Fire Officer

Equivalents: Fire Department Management and Operations or Preparing for Command or National certification NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I

Fire Service Instructor 1

Equivalents: National certification NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor I

**\*Depending on an individuals qualifications, equivalencies may be granted on a case by case basis. Appropriate certificates from IFSAC or Pro Board**

## State Fire Instructors Duties

Individuals appointed to the position of SFI must be able to perform the following task/functions:

Conduct fire training course as a lead instructor, delivered at county fire training centers or local fire stations as scheduled by the CFC or Deputy County Fire Coordinator for Training (DCFCT) or a representative of OFPC Fire Operations and Training Branch (FOTB).

Instruct a minimum of 175 course contact hours annually as scheduled by the CFC/DCFCT.

Act as an additional instructor/safety officer for courses with live fire training evolutions.

Act as an additional instructor for courses designated with skills lessons.

Complete administrative reports concerning student attendance and participation.

Maintain course schedule, submit instructor report cards, schedule/location change notices as required and submit payroll vouchers on a monthly basis.

Pass a respiratory medical exam or submit a statement of fitness to use self contained breathing apparatus.

The statement of fitness shall be on a form specified by OFPC, signed by a medical doctor stating that the

*Alex Sullivan checks out recently purchased air packs for the Beaver Dams Fire Department.*

individual can use a full face piece respirator, self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134; the date of exam; and when the next exam is required. The candidate must maintain this certification as a condition of employment.

Possess the motor skills and physical dexterity to demonstrate firefighting skills such as search techniques, using SCBA, hose drags and carries, ladder raises and carries, and use of various tools and appliances as outlined in course curricula and the Administrative Guide for the Outreach Training Program.

Attend instructor certification conferences at least once every two years to receive instructor certification in designated courses.

Attend annual instructor certification conferences to receive safety training as required by 29 CFR 1910.156 and 1910.134. Maintain state issued equipment and report condition, defects, damage or malfunctions to appropriate FOTB staff members.

## How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for an SFI position please submit the following:

Which county you would like to apply to

Your NYS Training ID # if you have one

Your resume

Contact information

E-mail the above information to [John.Gilmore@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:John.Gilmore@dhses.ny.gov) for consideration. Questions pertaining to becoming an SFI are also welcome.

Preference will be given to qualified candidates who reside in the county where the vacancy is located.

## History

County Fireman's Association Meeting May 8, 1980

**A**t the County Firefighters Association meeting, Legislative Committee Jerry Harrington reported that the incorporated fire companies could lose their tax exemption if they rent or lease their property for private for commercial use. He reported that FASNY is going to go after legislation to have municipalities set aside gasoline for volunteers individual cars in case of shortages due to the current gas shortage in the country. There is a hearing on May 20th 1980. Also, Ted Specchio reported that the home company is responsible for firemen in accidents on mutual aid calls.



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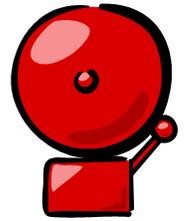
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## Last Alarms



*William "Bill" Elkins  
Burdett*

## Upcoming Classes

We are hoping to offer the following classes this fall. Dates to be determined.

- *Water Supply (starts 9/5)*

**W**ant to be notified of our upcoming courses? Join our mailing list! Send requests to [jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us](mailto:jgeck@co.schuyler.ny.us)

**For more information, visit:**

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